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H.B. No. 2629

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice and continuing education requirements regarding
3 human trafficking for certain licensed occupations and
4 establishments.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 1602.354, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) The commission shall include in the commission's
9 continuing education programs for license holders information on:

10 (1) activities commonly associated with human
11 trafficking;

12 (2) recognition of potential victims of human
13 trafficking; and

14 (3) methods for assisting victims of human
15 trafficking, including how to report human trafficking.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 1602, Occupations Code, is
17 amended by adding Section 1602.408 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 1602.408. POSTING OF CERTAIN NOTICES REQUIRED.

19 (a) In this section, "licensed facility" means the premises of a
20 place of business that holds a license, certificate, or permit
21 under this chapter.

22 (b) A licensed facility shall display a sign that is
23 approved by the commission and that concerns services and
24 assistance available to victims of human trafficking.

1 (c) The sign required by this section must be in English,
2 Spanish, and Vietnamese and include a toll-free telephone number of
3 a nationally recognized information and referral hotline for
4 victims of human trafficking.

5 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Texas
6 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall modify continuing
7 education programs as necessary to comply with Section 1602.354,
8 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.